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EVOLUTION
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When you were a tadpole and I was a fish
In the Paleozoic time,
And side by side on the ebbing tide
We sprawled through the ooze and slime—
Or skittered with many a caudal flip
Through the depths of the Cambrian fen,
My heart was rife with the joy of life,
For I even loved you then.

Mindless we lived and mindless we loved
And mindless at last we died,
And deep in a rift of the Caradoc drift
We slumbered side by side.
The world turned on in the lather of time,
The hot lands heaved again,
Till we caught our breath from the womb of death
And crept into life again.

We were amphibians, scaled and tailed,
And drab as a dead man's hand;
We coiled at ease 'neath the dripping trees
Or trailled through the mud and sand;
Creaking and blind, with our three-clawed feet
Writing a language dumb,
With never a spark in the empty dark
To hint at a life to come.

Yet happy we lived and happy we loved
And happy we died once more,
Our forms were rolled in the clinging mold
Of a Neocenian shore.
The eons came and the eons fled,
And the sleep that wrapped us fast
Was riven away in a newer day,
And the night of death was past.

Then light and swift through the jungle trees
Or swung in our airy flights,
Or breathed in the balsams of the fringed palms
In the hush of the moonless nights;
And oh, what beautiful years were these
When our hearts clung each to each,
When life was filled and our senses thrilled
In the first faint dawn of speech.

Thus life by life and love by love
We passed through the cycles strange,
And breath by breath and death by death
We followed the chain of change,
Till there came a time in the law of life
When over the nursing sod
The shadows broke and the soul awoke
In a strange dim dream of God.

I was thewed like an Auroch bull
And tusked like a great cave bear,
And you, my sweet, from head to feet,
Were gowned in your glorious hair.
Deep in the gloom of a fireless cave,
When the night fell o'er the plain
And the moon hung red o'er the river bed,
We mumbled the bones of the slain.

I flaked a flint to a cutting edge
And shaped it with brutish craft,
I broke a slank from the woodland dank
And fitted it—head and haft.
Then I drew me close to the reedy tarn
Where the mammoth came to drink;
Through brown and bone I drove the stone
And slew him on the brink.

Loud I howled through the moonlit waste,
Loud answered our kith and kin;
From west and east to the crimson feast
The clan came trooping in.
Through joint and gristle and padded hoof
We fought and clawed and tore,
And cheek by jowl with many a growl
We talked the marvel o'er.

I carved that fight on a reindeer bone
With rude and hairy hand;
I pictured his fall on the cavern wall,
That men might understand,
For we lived by blood and the right of might
E'er human laws were drawn,
And the urge of sin did not begin
Till our brutal tusks were gone,
And that was a million years ago,
In a land that no man knows,
Yet here tonight in the mellow light

We sit at Delmonico's!
Your eyes are as dark as the Devon springs—
Your hair is as black as jet,
Your years are few, your life is new,
Your soul untried, and yet—
Our trail is on the Kimberidge clay
And the scarf of the Purbeck flags,
We have left our bones in the Baz-shot stones
And deep in the Coraline crags,
Our love is old, our lives are old,
And death shall come again,
Should it come today, what man may say

Puzzle Awards Up to Judges' Choice Tonight

Shopping Contest Winners Will Be Announced in Friday's Paper

Since the publication of the page "Puzzle Shopping for Prizes," which appeared in our last Tuesday's issue, this office has been literally swamped with solutions which indicate that puzzle fans have been busy indeed. Replies have been received from Los Angeles, Gardena and more distant points as well as the great volume of answers from Torrance and Lomita.

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The decision will be no easy task, as most of the solutions indicate careful thought and much painstaking skill in their preparation. However, the judicial board—which consists of Rev. F. A. Zeller, pastor of the Central Evangelical church; Carl Hyde, secretary Torrance Chamber of Torrance, and W. Harold Kingsley—will make heroic efforts to be fair.

Notice of the awards will appear in next Friday's issue.

Building Permits

- 1520 Cedar street, garage, \$300, by C. E. Murphy.
- 1626 Amapola avenue, four-room dwelling, \$2000, by Frank Sammons.
- 1622 Amapola avenue, garage, \$75, by Frank Sammons.
- 2707 Cabrillo avenue, garage, \$95, by E. J. Rice; Coy Farquhar, contractor.
- 704 Border avenue, dwelling, \$2975, and garage, \$150, by Industrial Housing Corporation.
- 710 Border avenue, dwelling, \$2650, and garage, \$150, by Industrial Housing Corporation.
- 716 Border avenue, dwelling, \$2750, and garage, \$150, by Industrial Housing Corporation.
- 724 Border avenue, dwelling, \$2550, and garage, \$150, by Industrial Housing Corporation.
- 742 Border avenue, dwelling, \$2975, and garage, \$150, by Industrial Housing Corporation.
- 2229 Cabrillo avenue, 6-room dwelling, \$3500, and garage, \$200, J. C. Smith.
- 1001 Sartori avenue, an addition to dwelling, \$400, Henry Kent.

TORRANCE NOTES

- Frank Rowley of the Plaza hotel is entertaining his mother, Mrs. Pete Tisdale, of Needles, who will stay for ten days.
- Mrs. A. Meyers of Sartori avenue is spending several days with her mother at Redondo Beach.
- Emerson Stewart attended the annual banquet of the Beta Theta Pi Alumni Association at the University Club in Los Angeles Friday evening, Feb. 6. He is a member of the University of Chicago chapter.
- Word has been received from Mrs. Ted Reddon, who is staying at Hemet, that since arriving in that high climate her health is greatly improved.
- Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Smith of 809 Sartori avenue were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kantley of Long Beach Saturday evening.
- Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kent of 1001 Sartori avenue were visitors Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. White of Pomona.
- The W. O. class of the Christian church will have a 6 o'clock dinner at the home of Mrs. Earl Babcock, 2008 Gramercy avenue.
- Miss Vena Maughn and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bale of 1927 Carson street enjoyed a theatre and dinner party in Los Angeles on Saturday.
- Mrs. G. H. Sapp, president of the Torrance Parent-Teacher Association, is confined to her home by illness.

We shall not live again?
God wrought our souls from the Tremadoc beds
And furnished them wings to fly,
He saved our spawn in the world's dim dawn,
And I know that it shall not die,
Though cities have sprung above the graves
Where the crooked-bone men made war,
And the oswin-crawls above the caves
Where the bridied mammoth are,
Then as we linger at luncheon here
O'er many a dainty dish,
Let us drink anew to the time that you
Were a tadpole, and I was a fish.
[FINIS]
—Laboriously but joyously transcribed by The Bat.

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OBSERVATIONS

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Torrance Rotarians At Redondo Meeting

A large delegation of Torrance Rotarians attended the charter presentation dinner of the Redondo club Friday night. The new club of Redondo Beach was installed with delegations present from Los Angeles, Long Beach, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, Compton, San Pedro and Torrance.

The Torrance delegation included the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Teal, Mr. and Mrs. George Welch, Mr. and Mrs. George Parr, Mr. and Mrs. Harvel Guttenfelder, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Levy, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bellan, Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Hyde, W. Harold Kingsley.

Women's Club to Meet on Thursday

A business meeting and short program will be held by the Women's Club on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 12, at 2 p.m., in the high school auditorium. Miss Virginia Cooke will dance.

P. T. A. PRESIDENTS MEET

A feature of the presidents' council, P. T. A., held Feb. 5 in Choral hall, Philharmonic auditorium, was the presentation to Mrs. C. C. Noble of the "C. C. Noble Founders' Day Scholastic Fund," to grow each year. Many other beautiful remembrances were presented to Mrs. Noble, who is affectionately known as the "mother of the Torrance P. T. A."

CARD PARTY

Five hundred and bunko will be played at the Catholic ladies' card party at the Catholic hall Thursday evening, Feb. 12. Refreshments will be served and honors awarded.
Mrs. F. L. Parks passed the weekend with relatives at Santa Ana.

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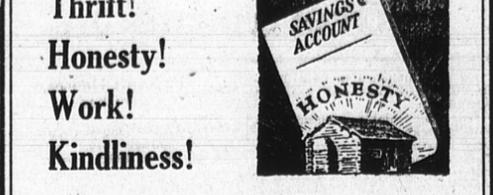
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